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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

SUMMARY: I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS APRIL 16. PRESIDENT MACHEL WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT, COMMENDED USG FOR SUPPORTING UNSC RESOLUTION 386 (WHICH URGED MEMBER NATIONS TO HELP MOZAMBIQUE BEAR COST INCURRED IN IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA) AND SAID HE THOUGHT WE SINCERE, THAT WE TRULY WANT TO SEE THIS PART OF AFRICA FREE. IN TEN MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH MACHEL FOLLOWING CEREMONY, PRESIDENT DWELT ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICANS AND USG.

1. NINE AMBASSADORS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS APRIL 16 AND 17. (BURUNDI, CANADA, FRANCE, LESOTHO, REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAY, RWANDA, SOUTH VIETNAM, SUDAN AND THE US. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS SCHEDULED DO SO BUT AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WAS ILL). I WAS FIRST OFF IN WHAT I GATHER WERE ALL SHORT, CRISP

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CEREMONIES EACH LASTING ABOUT HALF-HOUR. MAIN ELEMENTS OF CEREMONY

CONSISTED OF MY OPENING STATEMENT (RECORDED FOR BROADCAST OVER RADIO  
MOZA BIQUE), FORMAL REPLY BS PRESIDENT MACHEL (LIKEWISE RECORDED)  
AND TEN-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT.

2. IN MY FORMAL STATEMENT (TEXT POUCHED AF/S) I MADE FOLLOWING POINTS  
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A. U.S. PEOPLE AND USG. ARE INTERESTED IN MOZAMBIQUE AND WISH GPRM  
WELL IN ITS EFFORTS FASHION A STRONG AND INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE  
AFTER CENTURIES OF COLONIAL RULE.

B. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND THE BUILDING OF A JUST WORLD  
ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY OF GREAT POWERS BUT OF ALL NATIONS; U  
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IS INTERESTED IN VIEWS OF PRESIDENT AND GPRM ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES;  
I AND MY STAFF ALSO READY AT ALL TIMES TO EXPLAIN US POLICY AND  
POSITIONS.

C. GIVEN OUR DIFFERENT TRADITIONS AND PERSPECTIVES, THERE WILL  
BE OCCASIONS WHEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL DIFFER AS TO BEST  
POLICY TO PURSUE IN GIVEN SITUATION. HOPE WE CAN DISCUSS DIFFERENCES  
OPENLY AND AMIABLY.

D. IN COMMENCING MY WORK AS AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, I DO NOT WISH  
TO DWELL ON DIFFERENCES OR ON THE PAST, BUT TO CONCENTRATE ON FUTURE  
AND ON OUR COMMON INTERESTS.

E. USG AND MOZAMBIQUE SHARE MANY OF SAME ASPIRATIONS AND  
OBJECTIVES,

I.E. WE BOTH WANT SEE EARLY END TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, WE BOTH  
WISH SEE SELF-DETERMINATION, RACIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESPECTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT ALL OF AFRICA, AND WE BOTH  
WISH SEE A STRONG, FREE AND PROSPEROUS AFRICA.

F. IN PURSUIT THESE GOALS, US SUPPORTED UNSC RESOLUTION 386.  
THIS ALSO WHY USG HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS JOIN WITH OTHER NATIONS  
TO HELP GPRM BEAR COST OF SEVERING RELATIONS WITH RHODESIA.

G. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT OUR COMMON  
INTERESTS WERE MANY AND THAT THEY FORMED A SOLID BASIS UPON  
WHICH WE COULD BUILD A FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL  
RELATIONSHIP.

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3. MACHEL RESPONDED BY SAYING HE SHARED SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN MY STATEMENT. PICKING UP ON POINT I HAD MADE THAT MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND BUILDING OF JUST WORLD WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL NATIONS, MACHEL SAID THAT THIS REQUIRED BIG NATIONS TO COOPERATE WITH SMALL NATIONS. PROBLEMS OF SMALL NATIONS MAY LOOK SMALL IN COMPARISON WITH GLOBAL PROBLEMS, BUT RESOLUTION OF THESE SMALL PROBLEMS IS PRECONDITION FOR SOLVING LARGER PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT ALL HUMANITY.

4. TURNING TO RHODESIA, MACHEL SAID HE WANTED TO COMMEND THE USG FOR BACKING UNSC RESOLUTION 386 AND THAT HE THOUGHT WE SINCERE, THAT WE TRULY WANT TO SEE THIS PART OF AFRICA FREE. THIS IS WHERE THE CONFLICT IS TODAY. AS LONG AS JUSTICE DOES NOT OBTAIN IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH HUMAN RIGHTS OR EQUALITY ELSEWHERE OR FOR THE SMALL NATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS.

5. CONCLUDING, MACHEL SAID THAT GPRM WOULD ALWAYS BE READY COOPERATE  
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WITH USG ON BASIS JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO WORLD'S PROBLEMS AND ON DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

6 AFTER FORMAL STATEMENTS AND A TOAST TO "COOPERATION," WE CHATTED FOR

ABOUT TEN MINUTES. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARMANDO PANGUENE, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SERGIO VIEIRA, VICE DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ICB LUIS BERNWURD HONWANDA, AND MEMBERS PRESS WERE PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION.  
TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE FOLLOWING;

A. ACCESS TO MOZAMBICANS. MACHEL STARTED BY ASKING ME ABOUT MY WORK IN FOREIGN SERVICE, WHICH GAVE ME OPPORTUNITY MENTION MY INTEREST

IN AFRICA AND TO SAY HOW PLEASED I WAS TO BE ASSIGNED TO MOZAMBIQUE. I SAID THAT INFORMATION IN THE US ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE WAS SPARSE. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBASSY WAS FINDING IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO MEET MOZAMBICANS THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO REPORT ACCURATELY, THOROUGHLY AND UNDERSTANDABLY, WE MUST HAVE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND BE PERMITTED TRAVEL, OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON SECOND-HAND INFORMATION FROM NON-MOZAMBICANS OR FELLOW DIPLOMATS. MACHEL ACKNOWLEDGED AS MUCH, SAID HE WAS SURE WE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MOZAMBICANS AND SEE FOR OURSELVES WHAT GPRM IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

B. CODEL PERCY AND STAFFDEL BATES/HUNTER VISITS. I NOTED THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN US TODAY IN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. I SAID EVIDENCE OF THIS WAS CURRENT VISITS OF SENATOR PERCY AND BATES/HUNTER TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, ADDING THAT BOTH HOPED BE ABLE VISIT MOZAMBIQUE AND TO MEET WITH HIM. MACHEL HAD HEARD THAT SENATOR PERCY WAS IN DAR-ES-SALAAM (APPARENTLY THROUGH GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA) AND KNEW BATES. HE SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD HAVE TIME SEE BOTH PERCY AND BATES/HUNTER. (REFTELS B AND C).

C. FRIENDS OF MOZAMBIQUE. MENTION OF SENATORS PERCY AND KENNEDY PROMPTED MACHEL TO ASK ABOUT SENATOR CLARK, WHOM HE CONSIDERED A GOOD FRIEND OF AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS WELL AS TO MENTION OTHER "FRIENDS", E.G. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, GEORGE HOUSER, FRANK FERRARI (OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE) AND DON EASUM.

D. AID TO MOZAMBIQUE. I TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT I HAD RECEIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTRUCTIONS ON AID AND THAT I WAS AVAILABLE AT CONVENIENCE OF PRESIDENT TO INITIATE DISCUSSION. PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED WE READY DISCUSS AID, SAID

THIS WOULD BE A MATTER MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING MARCELINO DOS SANTOS WOULD BE HANDLING. DOS SANTOS WOULD BE BUSY OVER NEXT WEEK WITH VISIT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA, BUT SHOULD BE READY COMMENCE TALKS STRICTLY THEREAFTER.

E. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH MACHEL AGAIN WISHING ME A PLEASANT STAY IN MAPUTO AND ASSURING ME THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ESTABLISH GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ME AND THE EMBASSY STAFF.

7. COMMENT. MACHEL WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT THE CEREMONY, NODDING APPROVINGLY AT SEVERAL TIMES WHEN I WAS READING MY STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN I CITED THREE OBJECTIVES WHICH I SAID BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS SHARED (PARA 2E). IT IS PROBABLY WRONG TO READ TOO MUCH INTO

THIS DISPLAY OF WARMTH, SINCE MACHEL CONVEYS THIS IMPRESSION WITH MOST

VISITORS HE MEETS FOR FIRST TIME, BUT IT NONETHELESS IS ENCOURAGING  
THAT

THE TONE OF THE MEETING WAS POSITIVE AND THAT NO NOTE OF COOLNESS  
OR ALOOFNESS MARRED MY FIRST MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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